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Local News Items

Mr. Ray Knight leaves for the States Friday morning on business.

Mr. Tom O'Brien left for Winnipeg last week on an extended business trip.

Mr. Hjalmar Oland visited Raymond Thursday evening to attend the Council meeting returning to Lethbridge Friday morning.

Miss Lavina Dudley is the new dry goods clerk in O'Brien and Nalders Store.

Mr. Reginald Cooper left last Tuesday morning for Alaska where he will hunt gold or cattle just as the circumstances permit. Mr. Cooper has worked for the Sugar Company for several years, but Alberta is to warm for him so he goes to seek a cooler climate.

Don't forget the big conservative rally to be held in Stirling Monday evening April 8, and in Raymond Tuesday evening April 9.

FOR SALE.— A house and lot close in Raymond, cheap if sold by the first of May. Write F. H. Burns, Trufole City, Utah.

Dr. Fred Anderson and wife will leave Raymond shortly for the South. They will go to Pocatello first as Mrs. Anderson has a sister there. Mr. Anderson will locate where he thinks his chances for work are best.

FOR SALE.— Seed and feed oats, baled blue joint and loose alfalfa. Apply, Brimhall Bros. Raymond.

Dr. Keiller and family moved to Edmonton last Tuesday. We regret to see the Doctor go but what's our loss is Edmonton's gain, so we will say, "Good luck to you Dr. Keiller."

Miss Clara Anderson is the stenographer and assistant clerk of the town and can be found six days out of the week in the Town Hall.

Mr. D. G. Selman the local post master desires to announce that he has just received word from the postal authorities in Ottawa to close his post-office every night at 10 o'clock.

The Knight Academy is getting ready for Commencement Week and judging from all reports it will be better than ever before.

NOTICE.— Dr. S. M. Turner veterinarian will be in Raymond Tuesdays and Fridays at Card's Livery barn to attend to all classes of veterinary work.

A big shipment of hogs left Raymond Saturday for the Winnipeg market bought by Ray Knight by J. D. Watson.

There were two car loads, two hundred and three head, the price paid was eight cents F. O. B. Raymond.

Messrs. H. S. Allen, M. Y. Crossall and Geo. H. Budd left Monday morning for Salt Lake City where they will attend April conference.

Mr. Mark Brimhall returned Thursday evening from a trip to Bow Island and vicinity. Mr. Brimhall sold some of his horses to farmers in that location and even now he states they are getting ready for spring work.

Mr. Bennett Kennedy returned to Raymond Thursday evening from

Provo, Utah where he has been attending the B. Y. U. Academy.

Beef Baron M. Balcoski is in Raymond with a couple of car loads of cattle bought in other parts of the country but brought here to fatten, and that is why M. Balcoski is a Baron, because when he sees a good thing he appropriates it, as he has his title and as his cattle are our fattening products. The Sugar Co. has sold M. Balcoski a car load of cattle for shipment.



PUBLIC NOTICE

A sitting of the District Court will be held at RAYMOND on Tuesday, April 9th, commencing at 10 a.m.

Dated at Edmonton, 28th March 1913.

L. P. CLARKY,

Deputy Attorney General.

GOOD BARGAINING.

Mr. John Watson a stock buyer associated with the firm of J. V. Menzies & Co. Great Falls, Mont. is in Raymond buying cattle, sheep and hogs for shipment.

Mr. Watson brought in from Montana last week forty thousand head of sheep which he fed and marketed on this side of the line. He brought also twenty five hundred of mutton of Ray Knight and sold Mr. Knight on top of that deal one hundred and seven head of sheep.

Mr. Watson is a man who knows stock as well as where best to market it. Such a buyer is a safe guard to producers, that the highest prices obtainable will be had, he being independent of what the public generally regards as the Alberta Beef Trust.

OLD FOLKS CELEBRATE.

There is one day in each year at least that the old folks of Raymond are the feted and honored guests of the town and last Wednesday was that eventful day. Committees had worked all the details out to perfection so that nothing happened to mar the pleasures of the day. A range was set up in one of the down stairs rooms of the Second Ward Meeting House and at 1 o'clock a hot dinner was served and it was a great sight to witness nearly seventy five of our venerable town folk who had passed the half century mark sit down and enjoy a bountiful repast. Banners adorned those present signifying their age. All who were between the ages of fifty and sixty wore a blue ribbon and all over sixty wore a white ribbon. After the dinner was over the guests were invited to the auditorium on the floor above where their every comfort was attended to.

A program which consisted of impromptu speeches, songs and recitations was listened to with the greatest enjoyment. After the program all manner of games were indulged in and as the merry-makers waxed warm in their enjoyment the years seemed to roll from off their snow heads and they were again the lads and lasses of years ago. At six

o'clock a supper was served after which the whole party was invited down to the Alta Theatre where a moving picture show was given them free of charge. Those who were not quite tired here were tired out were invited over to the Opera House after the picture show and finished the glorious day with an old time quadrille. This day at least will stand out as one of the most enjoyable in the mellow years of our dear old folks.

Woman's Institute at Work.

A grand social entertainment and bazaar will be held in the Old Fellows Hall, Thursday evening April 10th 1913 under the auspices of the Woman's Institute and extensive preparations are being made to make this affair a splendid success.

The doors will be open at six p.m. when all will be in readiness to serve. A cordial invitation to all to patronize this entertainment as the proceeds go to beautifying our home town. Don't miss it, for children five cents, adults fifteen cents.

The following program will be given at the regular meeting of the Woman's Institute to be held next Wednesday April 10th 3 o'clock in the Second Ward meeting house.

Program.

The cleanliness of Home Surroundings.

Suitable food for Spring and Summer.

Poultry raising.

Contagious Diseases.

Dr. J. S. Wray.

THE LAND'S THE THING.

INCREASING POPULATION DEMANDS INTENSIVE CULTIVATION.

A short ride over a few hundred acres of land south of town revealed a lot of potential wealth in the possibility of the land. A sensational item in the shape of nearly two thousand head of weanling calves, the Sugar Co. is feeding on beet tops left lying on the ground from last year's crop, was one of the first possibilities brought to attention by the genial manager, who supplied the transportation, a horse which persisted in trying to get away from a none to experienced horseman and those calves were certainly some sight. All white faces, short legs and square bodies and looking like nothing so much as, tossing white caps in a turbulent sea of red as they gambled gaily away. "That bunch is worth about six thousand dollars" said the manager of the transportation, "and in another two years they will be worth close to twenty thousand dollars," and I said, "I thought it would be good economy to eat them today instead of waiting two years and paying the advance price," whereupon the cattle baron replied, "they were not making the full value of selling their calves."

With a graceful wave of his hand he included several sections of heavily timbered hills, with here

and there a little tuft waving sprightly in the brisk breeze that was melting the snow and driving frost from the soil, "we summer followed that two years ago and plowed it from twelve to fifteen inches deep, the first year we got a fine crop, and last year we harvested over one hundred bushels of oats per acre. "Not bad" said he, "for one plowing." I agreed with him. You know we can run logs in this stubble in the fall and they winter fine in the big stacks which I saw dotted the field all about us.

The plowing was done with engines which operate a reversible plow attached to a cable these being two engines one at each end of the field, the plowing being done by pulling the plows from one end of the field to the other, each engine moving ahead alternately.

That is a practical illustration of the value of the plowing the second year's crop, being nearly double the first year's.

You know we plow our best with these same engines and the shape in which they put the ground for the following spring, from a perspective view point is glorious to see.

Some of the bests are eighteen inches long and in order to thoroughly loosen them are forced to break the ground to the depth the bests have penetrated, which gives you a foot and a half of depth as a moisture reservoir, then by keeping the surface sealed by harrowing to prevent evaporation you have a seed bed that insures any kind of crop you may plant, and when the farmers come to learn the value of bests not only the value of the bests but the value of the factory will be running a lot nearer its capacity than it is now. I have thought over what he said and it looks reasonable to me.

With a general election a fortnight away I should like to state why I am going to do again what I have done twice before, what I have always done in fact ever since Alberta had a government of its own—namely, cast a Liberal Vote.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly priesthood meeting was held on Saturday March 23rd in the Knight Academy. There was a splendid representation from all the wards in the Taylor Stake. Stake Pres. H. S. Allen in speaking of the prospective temple to be built in Cardston urged the people to be getting ready for it and have their work so arranged that when the temple was ready for use they could go ahead with their work. A unanimous vote of appreciation and satisfaction was extended for the temple coming to Canada and being located in Cardston. Reports of the past year's work done by the various wards in the Taylor Stake were read and comparisons made. Much good work has been done but there is still room for improvement. Pres. Allen urged the farmers to hold on to their land and keep it clear from incumbrances as far as possible. He spoke encouragingly on the prospect of a good year and hoped that all present would find success in their labors. The meeting was then adjourned till the last Saturday in April.

A GROWING INDUSTRY.

During the last few months the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture has been in

receipt of numerous inquiries as to where it might be possible to purchase either Angora or Milch goats. It would appear that in many parts of the Dominion the demand for these useful and profitable animals is rapidly developing and that those who at present have any surplus stock can find a ready sale for them if a channel of communication between supply and demand is established. Accordingly as a means of starting a convenient Directory of Canadian breeders of Angora goats and Milch goats, the Live Stock Commissioner will be pleased to receive from such breeders information regarding their respective flocks covering all the following points:

1. Kind and number of goats kept.
2. Usual number for sale each year.
3. Approximately the prices asked.
4. If possible a brief statement regarding expenses found necessary and the returns which may be expected by one engaging in raising this class of stock.

Communications supplying the above information should be addressed to the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, Ont. Such letters do not require postage.

A GOOD HOME.

Why Alberta offers such a good inducement for the Home-seeker.

A LETTER WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISHMAN.

With a general election a fortnight away I should like to state why I am going to do again what I have done twice before, what I have always done in fact ever since Alberta had a government of its own—namely, cast a Liberal Vote.

I am English born and have the Liberalism of Bright, Colborne, Gladstone and Lloyd George in my blood. I came to Canada because the Tory system of Landlordism squeezed me out of England. I have never regretted choosing Alberta as my abiding place. Alberta has treated me well. I am happy and thriving and will end my days, God Helping, a good citizen of Canada. At all events, my family will be well provided for, there will always be beef in the pot, and my children will make their way in the world without the handicaps their father suffered. I yield to nobody in loyalty to the British Empire, and I am proud of England and her great place in civilization, but Alberta is my home now, and as Goldsmith says, "A man's first best country ever is his home."

I had a curious point of view not long ago. I had been thinking wistfully of the green hills of England. I kept thinking of them until I got home-sick. I suppose Englishmen in this great splendid North West prairie gets that feeling once in a while I saw the right little, tight, little Island through a mist of tears, and I thought I would warm my heart by looking at the Old Country once again.

Well I did. I thought my tickets and travelling as fast as trains and steamboats could carry me, I was back inside of two weeks in a

sleepy little village that I had left as a lad years ago. Well the village was there alright. It was the same but I was not. My viewpoint had changed. The green fields were there just the same, but they belonged to the Lord of the Manor. No chance of a laboring man getting a freehold there. Everything tied up. Taking it by and large, about 35,000 people own England from which you can reckon how much chance the rest of the 45,000,000 people have of getting a piece. They told me that Lloyd George had a land reform scheme in hand, a sort of land nationalization plan, which would result in every man having his acre, his cottage and his cow, something like it was in Queen Elizabeth's time. They also told me that the Tory landlords, frightened at what they saw coming, were willing to sell out at an advance of 30 per cent on their own valuation. I had little faith in the Tory Landlord's 30 per cent philanthropy, but I did bless Lloyd George, who is a true friend of the people. The only objection I saw to his scheme of "the land for the people" was that it would take a

long time to do it. I said, "I am not a short, I for one could not wait long enough. While the scheme is working out, the laborer has to be satisfied with his rented allotment which he tills after his days work is done his only way of earning out for his whittling a week and for his family from starvation." Whole, Sir, Yes, Mr. Editor, the land is the green fields open, and calculate how far beyond the average man's grasp they were, they lost much of their charm, my mind went back to the quarter sections, half sections and sections in Sunny Alberta, and I said, "Canada is good enough for me."

Wherever I looked in England it was the same way. The quaint thatched cottages were just as quaint as ever, but the mortality statistics told me that they were insanitary and reeked tuberculosis. One of the saddest sights was my acquaintances of eight years ago, in the rut, work all day while age crept on apace, with nothing in sight but old age pensions or the almshouse. Another sad thing, according to my new lights, was their ignorance, and the predestined ignorance of their children. What free education they have in England today is far from complete, and what complete education they have is far from free. Is it any wonder that Allestra worked in my veins and cured me of my my English homesickness once and for all.

I came back to Alberta as good an Englishman as ever but a better Canadian. When I took stock of Alberta's blessings, I found that everything harked back to the land-free land, cheap land, for the poorest home hungerer who is not afraid to put his back into his work. Then I asked myself, who made this great heritage of land available to every body with a willing pair of hands and a stout heart and I remembered that it was the progressive policy of a Liberal Government at Ottawa which threw the land open.

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OUR HIGHWAYS.

WHY IT PAYS FARMERS TO BUILD GOOD ROADS.

All thinking men in all ages and in all countries are united in the fundamental fact that without good roads advancement in any direction is an impossibility. Roads are the veins and arteries by means of which circulation of the social body is carried on. The absence of good roads in this country would have retarded progress had it not been for the fact that the growth of the country and extension of railways advanced simultaneously. It had been followed by a great many people that the railway system which has developed so amazingly in the West would prove a sort of substitute for the old fashioned highway system.

Ex-President Roosevelt, speaking at the National Good Roads convention at St. Louis, Mo., April 29 1903, said, "Of course it is the last century there has been a phenomenal growth of one kind of road, wholly unknown to the people of the old time, iron road. The railway is of course purely modern. Now a great many excellent people have proceeded on the assumption that having good railways was a substitute for having good highways. A more untenable position cannot be imagined. (Loud applause.) What the railway does is to develop the country and of course this development means the need of more and better roads.

European countries have long recognized the necessity of good roads. France, about four times the size of the State of New York, has spent \$500,000,000 on her roads, and annually spends about \$18,000,000, or about three per cent on original outlay, in keeping them in repair. In France there is not one foot of public highway throughout the country for which some public body is not held responsible for its condition and maintenance. In other European countries very similar conditions obtain. The result is a magnificent system of highways. Under these conditions the average cost of haulage over these roads averages eight cents per ton, per mile.

In 1893 the highway commission of the state of Ohio reported that the average cost of haulage over the roads of that State was 25 cents per ton per mile.

In 1893 the department of agriculture of the United States after investigating conditions in 1200 counties representing nearly every state in the Union found that the cost of haulage over the roads roads in these countries was 25 cents per ton per mile. In 1898 in the state of Maryland the cost was 25 cents per ton per mile.

In Alberta it may be safely assumed conditions are not any more favorable than they are in the more thickly settled East, and it is therefore fair, (in the absence of special information) that haulage on Alberta trails is at least equal to that in Ohio, or Illinois, or Minnesota, in all of which it costs 25 cents per ton per mile.

Taking the production of grain in southern Alberta (crop districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) at six million bushels-150,000 tons-and the average distance hauled is 20 miles. By having good highways the saving effected would be \$3.40 per ton, or \$510,000 for the total crop.

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